

*In Loving Memory of*



***Rosalind N. Rivers***

*Sunrise*

September 27, 1939

*Sunset*

December 14, 2013

Service

Saturday, December 21, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.**

2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

*Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating*

*Rev. David Jenkins, Organist*



## Obituary

**Rosalind Naomi Rivers**, 74, died of natural causes on the morning of December 14, 2013. The oldest of three children, Rosalind was born in Harlem, NY, September 27, 1939, to Drucilla and Wilford Ford.

During her early years, she was raised in Harlem, moved to The Bronx, and subsequently returned to Harlem. Rosalind graduated from Jane Addams High School, Bronx, NY.

On April 30, 1955, Rosalind married Earl Rivers of The Bronx, NY. Out of their union came six kids, Earl "Hotrod" Jr., Vernon "Gigi", Arthur "Michael", Andre "Dean", Kevin, and Tracey.

Eager to make a better life for herself and her children, and an ardent supporter of a good education, Rosalind enrolled in the nursing program at Hostos Community College, Bronx, NY. Sadly, she had to discontinue her educational pursuits to dedicate herself to the full-time raising of her six children.

Over the course of raising her Children, and many Nieces & Nephews, with the help of Family and Friends. Rosalind managed to succeed in ensuring her (and other's) children to take advantage of community resources and life's opportunities to benefit from a good education themselves, and demonstrate that they are responsible for their actions, relationships, as well as becoming responsible members of society.

In July 2005, she retired after working for New York City Transit Authority (MTA) as a Token Booth Clerk. During her over 25-year career with the MTA, she was recognized, commended, and received numerous accolades for her professional performance, courteousness, and unselfish service to MTA and the millions of New York's mass transit riders.

Though she was an avid reader, Rosalind received equal satisfaction in raising/watching her Children, Nieces, Nephews, & Grandchildren grow. Her other greatest joy was annually bringing Family and Friends together to share Thanksgiving dinner (with her delicious food).

Rosalind leaves behind her five remaining Children & their Spouses: Vernon & Wendy Rivers of Orlando, FL; Michael & Sharon Rivers of Manassas, VA; Dean Rivers of Manhattan, NY; Kevin & Sylvia Rivers of Kissimmee, FL; and Tracey & Van Player of Staten Island, NY; along with 18 Grandchildren; 19 Great-grandchildren; 2 Great-great-grandchildren; 6 Sisters-in-law: Lucille Ford, Henrietta Bergland, Jan Rivers, Bahija "Geri" Ayyubi, Gertrude Duncan, Juanita Nelson; 2 Brothers-in-law: Arthur Rivers, & Dave Duncan; 2 Aunts: Ruth Perkins, & Gail Schmidt; Uncle: Dr. Clarence Schmidt; a very special Cousin: Carla Bennett, who always provided spiritual healings, and a host of near and dear lifelong Friends; and in particular her co-workers, Diana Wise, Mica Davies, & Cheri L. Robinson.

She is preceded in death by her Mother and Father, Drucilla & Wilford Ford; Husband, Earl Rivers Sr; Son, Earl "Hot Rod" Rivers Jr; Brothers, Wilford "Butch" Ford and Bernard "Pee-Wee" Ford; Mother-in-Law, Rose Rivers; Grandmothers, Estelle "Sissy" Richardson and Lotti "Mutta" Schmidt; Nephew, Michael "Lil Michael" Bergland, Aunt, Ada Schmidt; Uncle Dr. Ernest Schmidt; Sister-in-law, Carolyn "Carol" Rivers; Brothers-in-law, Charles "Charlie" Rivers; John Bergland; John "Junior" Nelson, and various others Family members and Friends.

Rosalind was a very kind and generous Woman who always took care of her Family. She will truly be missed by many, as well as her Family, Friends and Caretakers. "We will always Love you, may you rest in peace"

**The Family wishes to express their gratitude for your kind deeds, thoughts, cards, and prayers.**



*Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

**Acknowledgements**

**Remarks**

**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Committal**

**Viewing**

**Recessional**



**Interment**

Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York

# *My Farewell*

*Our family circle has been broken link has  
gone from our chain;*

*But though we are parted for a while,  
We know we will meet again.*

*Sometimes it's hard to understand why  
certain things must be, but there is a reason  
for it all, beyond our power to see.*

*The cover of life's book is closed for one we  
loved so well; But the loving deeds of  
by-gone days are what the pages tell.*

*The blow was hard, the shock severe;  
We never thought your death was so near.  
But only those who have lost can tell  
The pain of parting without farewell.*

*-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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